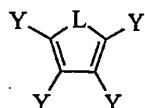


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound (monomer) comprising i) one or more arylethynyl groups (A-functional groups), ii) one or more ring structures comprising two conjugated carbon-to-carbon 5 double bonds and a leaving group L (B-functional groups), and iii) one or more ethynyl groups (C'-functional groups), characterized in that said A- and C'- functional groups are capable of reaction under cycloaddition reaction conditions with said B-functional groups to thereby form a cross-linked, polyphenylene polymer.

2. A compound according to claim 1 corresponding to the formula,



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wherein L is -O-, -S-, -N=N-, -C(O)-, -(SO₂)-, or -OC(O)-;

Y is independently in each occurrence hydrogen, halogen, an unsubstituted or inertly substituted hydrocarbyl group, Y', or two adjacent Y groups together with the carbons to which they are attached form a fused aromatic ring,

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Y' is a single covalent bond or a divalent derivative of an unsubstituted or inertly substituted hydrocarbyl group joining two or more divalent remnants of the foregoing structure,

and in at least one occurrence, Y is -Y'(-C≡CR¹)_m, and in at least one other occurrence, Y is -Y'-(C≡CR²)_n; or

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in at least one occurrence, Y is -Y'(-C≡CR¹)_m(C≡CR²)_n; wherein, Y' is a single covalent bond or a polyvalent derivative of an unsubstituted or inertly substituted hydrocarbyl group;

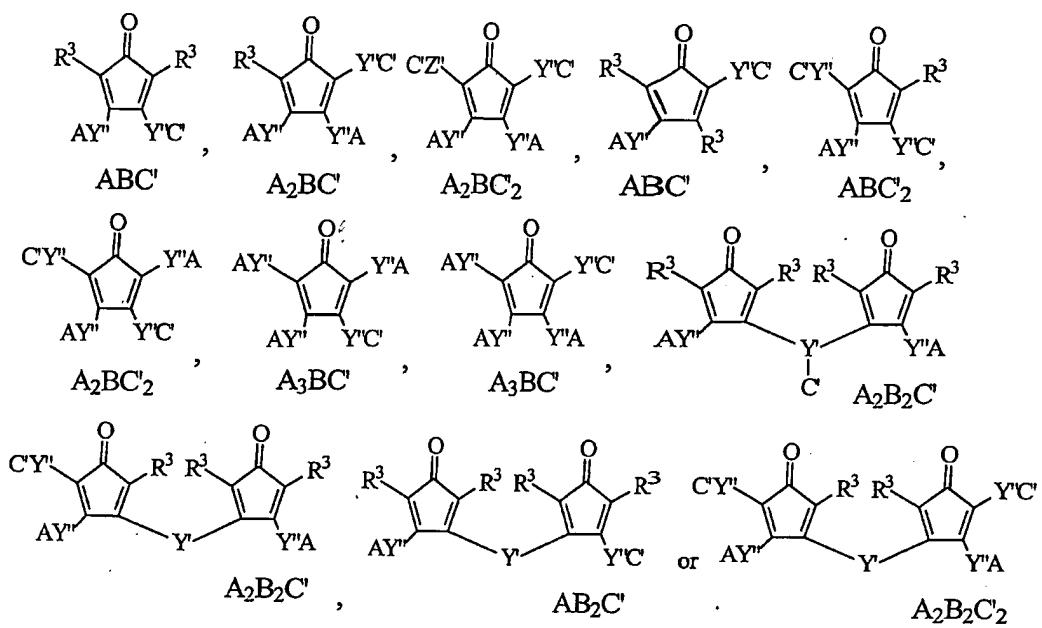
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R¹ is C₆₋₂₀ aryl;

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ hydroxyalkyl, or trimethylsilyl; and

m and n are integers from 1 to 5.

3. A compound corresponding to the formula:



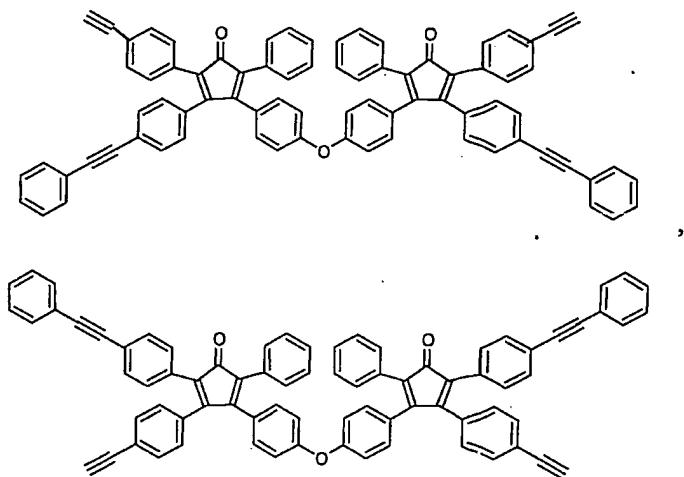
wherein R^3 is C_{6-20} aryl or inertly substituted aryl;

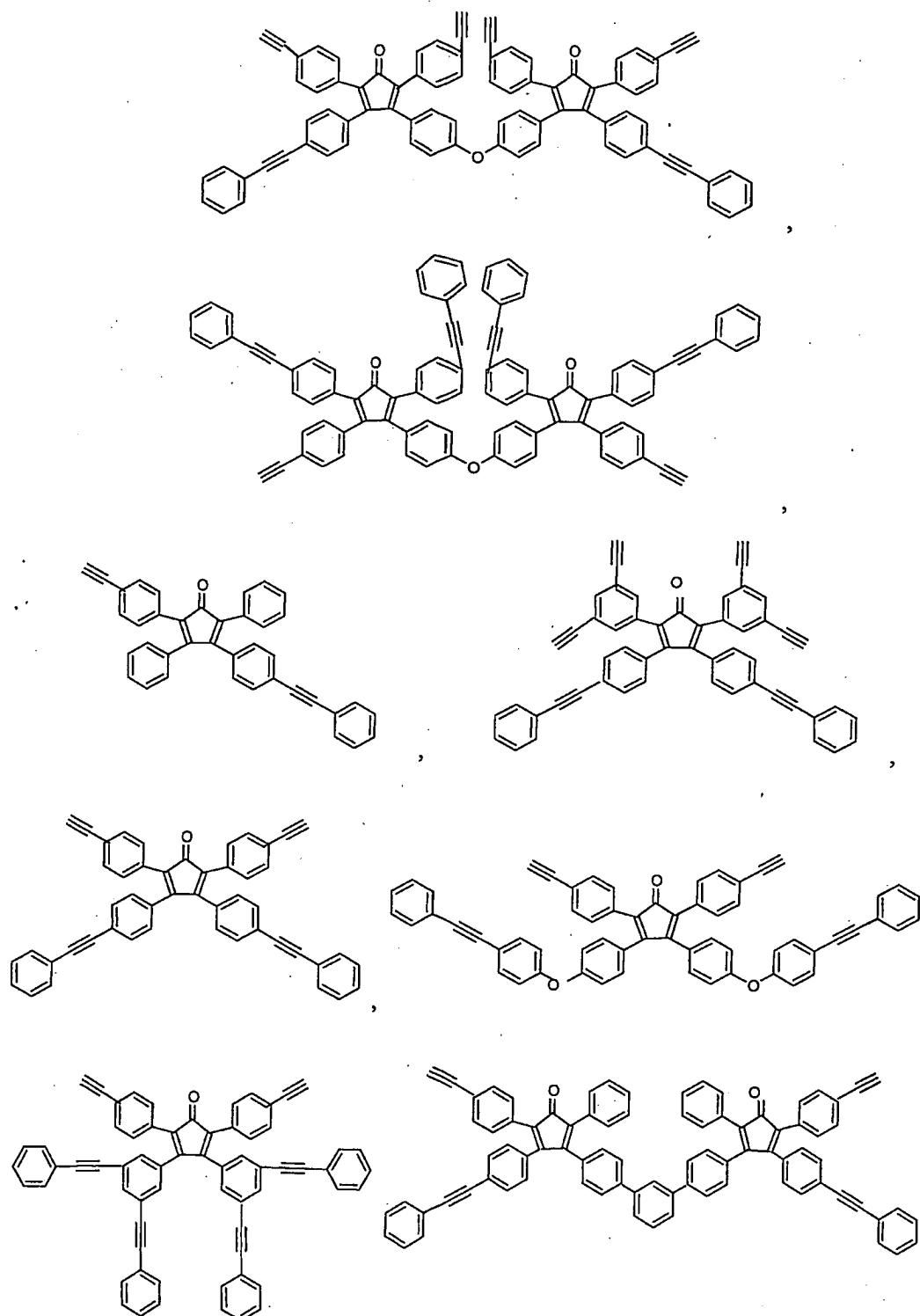
C' is as defined in claim 1, and

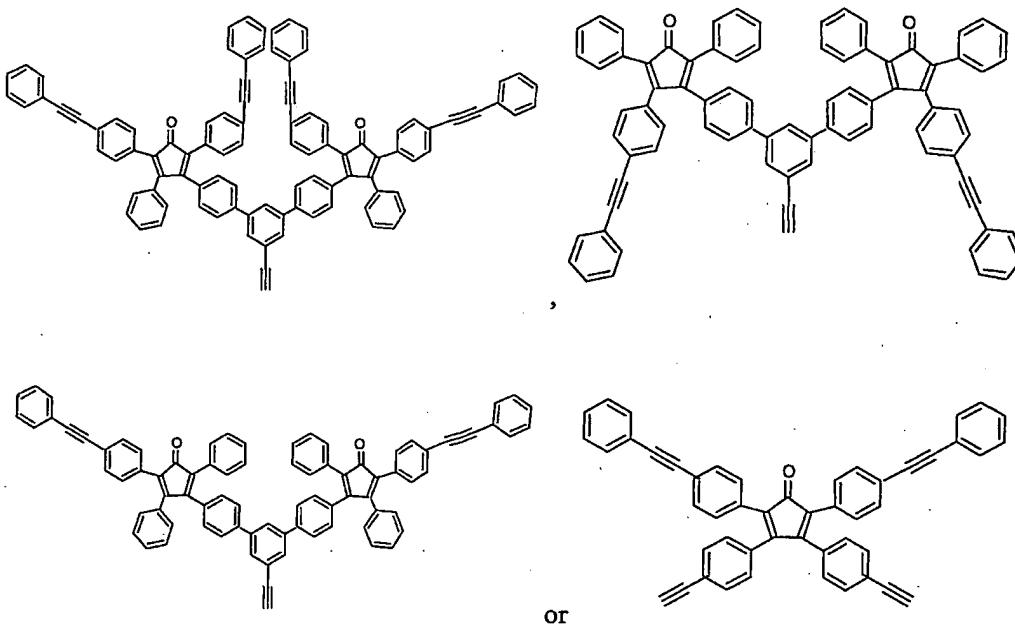
A , Y' and Y'' are as defined in claim 2.

5. 3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A at each occurrence is phenylethynyl and C' at each occurrence is ethynyl.

4. 4. A compound according to claim 4 corresponding to the formula:







5. A cross-linked polymer formed by curing a composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1-4.
6. A cross-linked polymer according to claim 5 wherein the composition additionally comprises a poragen.
7. A porous matrix formed by removing the poragen from the cross-linked polymer of claim 6.